ARIZONA Citizen Corps Program



# 2011 Youth Preparedness Today for Community Resiliency Tomorrow

Teaching our youth today about emergency preparedness and contributing to their communities establishes a foundation for well-prepared communities tomorrow. The Arizona Citizen Corps Program encourages all Citizen Corps Councils to include an activity in 2011 that focuses on youth emergency preparedness. It is important that children know what to do in an emergency. A few ways children can plan to be prepared for emergencies include practicing emergency drills at home and school, knowing where the family meeting place is, how to call 9-1-1, who the out-of-town family contact is, and what to do during an emergency.

## 2011 Recognition Award

In conjunction with the 2011 theme - <u>Youth Preparedness Today for Community Resiliency Tomorrow</u>, the State Citizen Corps Council offers a challenge to local Citizen Corps Councils to compete for a FFY 2011 Program Recognition Award. Recognition Award entries will consist of a summary report that briefly describes a project associated with the 2011 theme and addresses how the SMART principles were applied. The State Council will select a winner and honor the recipient organization at a State Council meeting in late fall. In addition, information on the Recognition Award winner will be posted to the Arizona Department of Homeland Security/Citizen Corps Program website.

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Recognition Award

**Deadline for entry submission – July 31, 2011** 

Entries must be emailed to Cheryl Bowen Kennedy, State Citizen Corps, at <a href="mailto:cbowen@azdohs.gov">cbowen@azdohs.gov</a>
No Later than 5:00 p.m., July 31, 2011.

As you implement a program, we encourage you to use the SMART concept as a guide.

- Specific meaning the exact outcome is well defined and clear to all.
- **Measurable** knowing if the goal is attainable and knowing when it has been achieved.
- Agreed Upon agreement with all stakeholders what the goal should be.
- **Realistic** within the availability of resources, knowledge and skills.
- Time-framed so that the objective has a realistic time frame for completion.

#### Youth Preparedness Today for Community Resiliency Tomorrow!

Resources: <a href="http://www.citizencorps.gov/ready/kids.shtm">http://www.citizencorps.gov/ready/kids.shtm</a>

#### **Youth Preparedness Review**

The following document provides a review of youth disaster preparedness and education materials and programs. This information may be useful when developing or implementing your own educational program.

<u>Bringing Youth Preparedness Education to the Forefront: A Literature Review and Recommendations</u> (Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2010

The Catalogue of Youth Disaster Preparedness Education Resources was created to assist individuals and organizations with locating preparedness resources that are tailored to children and youth. All information provided comes directly from the entities sponsoring each program.

Catalogue of Youth Disaster Preparedness Education Resources

### Online Activities for Children

The following websites are fun and educational for children:

- The **Federal Emergency Mnagement Agency's <u>Ready Kids</u>** and the <u>FEMA for Kids</u> websites teach children about disasters, how they can be prepared.
- United States Fire Administration website for kids focuses on home safety and fire safety- <u>USFA's Kids Page</u>.
- Sparky is the mascot of the National Fire Protection Association and this site focuses on fire prevention education for kids, with lots of games to reinforce the message.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has designed fun activities for kids to explore the
  planet they live on, including hazardous weather. These activities are linked from the NOAA education webpage
  and are tailored for children grades K-5 and for grades 6-12.
- <u>Code Red Rover</u> is the **Home Safety Council's** website for children that introduces them to Rover, the Home Safety Hound, and delivers interactive games and puzzles to assist children in identifying dangers in and around the home.
- <u>The Interactive Zone</u> at the **American Red Cross** website includes games, quizzes, and map to engage youngsters in emergency preparedness and disasters safety. There are also lots of ways for children and young adults to get involved in **Youth Services with the American Red Cross**.